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E.O. 12065: GDS 12/15/84 (CASTRO RAUL H.) OR-M
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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS; RELEASE OF PRISONERS

1. DURING ANNUAL DINER (DECEMBER 14) SPONSORED BY DIP CORPS
HONORING PRESIDENT VIDELA AND JUNTA, I RAN INTO GENERAL
HARGUINDEGUY, MIN INT, AND I ASKED HIM FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

2. DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS PACKAGE (PRISONER
RELEASE) THIS YEAR? HE REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. HE SAID
IT WON'T BE SHOCKINGLY LARGE LIST, BUT WE WILL END UP WITH
ABOUT 2,500 PRISONERS FROM A PRESENT TOTAL OF JUST OVER 3,000.

3. WHY HAS THIS BEEN SUCH A SLOW MOVING PROCESS? HARGUINDEGUY
STATED YHE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE WAS MAKING HEAVY DEMANDS ON
EVERYONE'S TIME. HE STATED BEAGLE HAD TOP PRIORITY AND
UNFORTUNATELY PRISONER RELEASES HAD BEEN RELEGATED TO SECOND
CATEGORY STATUS.

4. HARGUINDEGUY ASSURED ME BY TIME THE IAHC ARRIVED IN TOWN
THEIR PRISONS WOULD BE WELL CLEANED OUT OF PEN PRISONERS. HE
ADDED PRISONERS IN "COMMON CRIMINAL STATUS" WOULD NOT
BE AFFECTED BY THEIR WEEDING-OUT PROCESS.
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